GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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ROMA Conference
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to organize fourth ROMA Conference in the country;
(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
(c) whether ROMA people constitute the Indian Diaspora and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether any study has been proposed to discover the roots/origin of ROMA people; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) ICCR organized fifth International Roma Conference at ICCR, New Delhi from February 12-14, 2016.

(b) A total of 14 International speakers and 14 Indian scholars participated in the Conference. Objective of Conference was to re-establish cultural and linguistic links with Roma community, review existing scholarly studies on Roma community and encourage further studies.

(c) Roma community has cultural and linguistic links with Indian culture and language and is believed to have migrated from Northern part of India during 5th century BC.

(d) & (e) One of the follow up action points identified during the deliberations of three days Conference was to establish a Research Centre by an NGO for the studies on Roma community, to discover the roots and origins of Roma people.